

Kīlauea Point National Wildlife Refuge Trail Stabilization



Kīlauea Point National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) is located at the northern most point of Kaua'i, north of the town of Kīlauea. The Refuge opened to visitors in 1985 and offers sweeping views of the Pacific, tours of the historic Daniel K. Inouye Kīlauea Point Lighthouse, and is home to many native plants and seabirds. The Refuge includes a parking area, visitor center, and light house that are all connected by a paved walking trail. Slope erosion, settling, and undermining of sections of the paved walking trail has been recently documented. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is proposing to stabilize and restore the walking trail between the parking area and Daniel K. Inouye Kīlauea Point Lighthouse. The project is needed to provide slope stability for public safety along trail sections that have experienced slope erosion, undermining, and settlement.

NEPA Analysis

USFWS is initiating National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis in the form of an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze impacts to the natural and human environment from this project. The EA will comply with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations at 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 which require an evaluation of potential environmental impacts associated with federal projects and actions.

Current Status

The planning process has begun for development of an EA for the Kīlauea Point National Wildlife Refuge Trail Stabilization Project. The project is currently in the scoping phase and the public along with agencies are invited to provide comments on the proposed project. The scoping comment period will be opened for approximately 30 days to allow the public and agencies an opportunity to provide comments. A public scoping open house will also be held where the range of resource issues, and proposed project measures will be presented and discussed. Specific information regarding the scoping period and public scoping meeting is provided below.

Public Comment Period**Open:** April 2, 2015**Close:** May 1, 2015**Public Scoping Open House****Date:** Thursday, April 16, 2015**Time:** 6:30 to 8:30 PM**Place:** Kīlauea Elementary School Cafeteria
2440 Kolo Road
Kīlauea, Kauaʻi, HI 96754**Comments may be submitted by email or fax to:****Email:** kpnwrtrail@mcmjac.com**Fax:** 208-342-4216**Comments may also be submitted by mail to:****Mail:** Kauaʻi National Wildlife Refuge Complex
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More project specific information is available by contacting

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